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VIETNAM, 3W8DX & 3W8CW



3W8DX

3W8CW

VIETNAM OPERATION
October 23-November 28, 1988



Zoli, Ferry and Gyuri caused one of the biggest "attention getters" on the band in some time. They broke the ice and put Vietnam on the air after a long silence. The pile-ups rivaled those of the early BY operations. They managed 30,000 contacts which should calm the big DXers for some time to come.



Zoli, HA5PP (with sign) along with fellow operators Ferry, HA5MY and Gyuri, HA5WA

INDEXA has many things "in the works" and many ideas for the future. The trouble is we are limited by our resources. Probably the easiest way to improve the situation is to increase the size of our membership. Think about it, if each member could get just one of his or her friends to join we would double our membership and make some of these ideas into realities.

AMATEUR SPIRIT AT WORK

When Eva, Jack and Pierre received the word HA5PP had agreed on the QSL design for their DXpedition to 3W8 (see front page) a call was placed to Wayne W4MPY for help. Keep in mind the time element was very short because the way things finally fell into place.

Now back to the call to W4MPY. He was asked Thursday if he could print cards. Proof copies were faxed back and forth before the design was approved. With this out of the way on Friday, he was asked to print 25,000 cards by the following Monday for air shipment. He didn't expect 25,000 at one time but after some discussion he started.

On Sunday afternoon, he called with the good word. With only about 9 hours sleep and 2 hamburgers, with plenty of coffee of course, he was able to sit down. Remember the cards weren't dry, hadn't been bundled or boxed and with no time left the "big bad request" was made.

"Wayne Sir", since you don't have time to mail the cards to us to ship, would you mind putting all 155 pounds of cards in double boxes, hand carry them to the nearest airport by 9AM Monday morning? The nearest airport just happens to be in another state. There was a very long period of silence which was broken with *@#*@.

Wayne, along with his XYL Lola, designed, printed, boxed and shipped the cards in record time. INDEXA owes the "QSL Man" a debt of gratitude.

While we are on the subject, there have been many others who have provided INDEXA with more help than just their dues during the last year. Some have done so in the form of money while others have given of their time or services. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone. Among the contributors were W1FAB, IT9AXZ, WA4BCQ, VE30IT, N3CWP, W1KDD, KB1ER, K7JXR, VE3NN, YU3XJ, WD4JMC, K4HCA, YB0FS, NY5L, W2IYX, W6MJP, VE3IQ, W9FNN, KK4LM, KV5E, K2QAR, W5VJM, W6SPQ, K8SL, W2SEN, N3CBA, VE70J, KDOJL, N7LFK, N4THW, W5XQ, NR6S, KA1RRL, KC3VE, W1WRN, KC1LA, ZL7TZ, KOCVD, KM1E, KC4XA, NORM, JA4RED, N6RJY, KE8MK, SM20JR, NU4T, NT2X, KJ6DI, NY5L, NK5K, WD9GSD, UW9LA, VE3FII, W9VA, W4MPY, N3DQN, N6AHV, K4ELK, W6NZX, VK5WO, KDOJL, WB8UZZ, N1AIM, NS6B, DL9SC, EA8AZM, A. Hall, N3CWP, EA7CIW, VP2VA, CP8HD, W4THQ, KB6XR, N3FLZ, WA6AVS, N2DNH, AA2X, WB5FXT, HK3HFQ, N6AIT, WBOB, DU1UJ, DU1AUJ, W6WBY, JH1DLJ, W2BIE, OH2BKF, UL7ZF, HE9PYN, HB1BVV, WA6SLO, AA4SY, N7FAK, ON4FU, W4HNK, KM1E, LA2HFA, VK6RU, KN7K, W8BXM, N7KRE, KB1RW, PY2KP, KD6UN, W8BKP, WA9EZY, WD4REX, NA7R, WA2VZQ, J37AH, UA9YE, KA6KUT. We also thank our elected officers, especially KF4NO, secretary and W4UNP, treasurer, who hates the pay but does a FB job. We would have a world of problem without them.

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Your Association has promised support to many areas where it was needed and has assisted many worldwide operators to work a new one.

A few examples include the 3W8 operation. We have been involved with these operators since the DX bug bit and hope to be a part of their future efforts.

A Ten Tec station supplied by us, traveled around the Pacific and stopped for a time in Macau. The rig is back and ready to go again.


Even though Dany has left FT5ZB by now, the equipment has remained and is still in use providing a good signal with a new operator.

Support also went to FM5, D68, FT8, 3D2, ZK1, VS6, 3W0, PY0, HC8 and 3WOA.

MACAU

XX9JM

Operator: John Mitnick, WA2CMX



QSL via KB4SSS
Special thanks to INDEXA for an equipment loan and QSL cards, and to Peter Johnson, XX9KA for his hospitality and assistance.

☐ PSE QSL ☐ TNX QSL ☐ A W4MPY QSL

AMSTERDAM Island
FT5ZB
ITU 68 WAZ 39







OP. Dany F5CW (ex F6CZB J28E1)
HSC 1421 TN8 3042 REF 28011 CDXC 536

John, W4FRU, has agreed to be the QSL manager for INDEXA on the 3WOA cards.

Notes

LA8CJ reports JX0A will be operated by LA2FFA and LA4FEA on the pack ice (no DXCC credit) QSL LA5NM

JX5TJ operation is slim per LA5TJ, who has the call assigned to him.

INDEXA provided equipment to UA9MA for use in the UG9 earthquake situation to assist the passing of emergency traffic. W3ACE was involved in opening up faster means in Washington for the efforts between the USSR and the USA on traffic.

Support has been provided to the NATAL DX Group on their proposed Peter/ Paul Rock DXpedition. Through the efforts of W6CNA, NCDXF (W6OSP) has also provided help.

NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT...

It will take too much time to explain what happened to the printing schedule of our newsletter. The bottom line is the occupation of a few "free service" members happened to get in the way of our hobby. It at times gets rather tough to convince some people that amateur radio comes first ! Hi Hi We all know better than to let radio take residence over our family.

We will try to cover most activities of our group and make an extra effort (again), to be on time in the future.

INDEXA 1989-90 BALLOT

Pse vote YES or NO for each nominee
and if voting NO for any office, you
may use the write-in space if needed.

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	CE3GN			
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	VU2CK			
	ZL1AMO			
	LULBR			

Mail ballot to the Election Officer:

Bill Jennings W4UNP
630 Whitepine Drive
Catawba, SC 29704

Expedition to Bouvetøya 1989/90

It appears the LA-DX-GROUP is preparing to put another vy rare one on again. This will be an independent DXpedition and the expense will be vy high. The group will need "EXTRA" funds before and after the fact.

Pse join the CLUB BOUVET soon and mail all support to:
Club Bouvet, Box 88, 1361 Billingsstadsletta, Norway.

WAKE ISLAND

Ed, AH2BE and other ops will put KH9 on the air from 11 Oct till 21 Oct. INDEXA is providing a major part of the equipment and funds for this DXpedition. They will operate 24 hours a day with at least 2 stations on at all times.

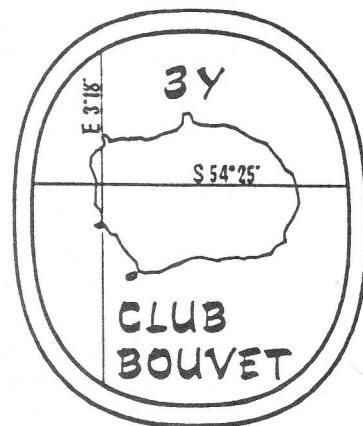
Permission to operate from the island is in hand and the equipment will be shipped before they depart to the site.

Joanie, KA6V will be the QSL MGR for this operation and a "good" donation will be helpful to cover part of the expense.

At INDEXA's request, Ed will attempt to obtain written permission to leave one station on the island for a club/future operation.

Ed will visit the net on 14236 at times.

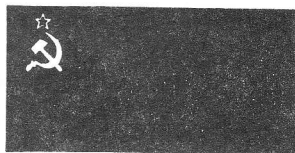
More on this later...



24 Dec 89 op date

THE FIRST SOVIET DX-PEDITION

January-February 1989



VIETNAM

THUDAUMOF-CITY

3W0A



Operators:

UL7PAE	AL
UL7PCZ	ALEX
RL8PY	YURI
RL7GK	VICK



VIETNAM (3W0A) DX-PEDITION

Ed Kritsky, NT2X has assisted INDEXA and the USSR group headed up by Alex, UL7PAE for some time. Our tnx to Ed for his tireless efforts as translator when needed and the much needed discussion of the fine points of INDEXA support. We wanted a full US-USSR rare country joint DXpedition but as the translated letter from Alex states, it was not possible.



RL7GK UL7PAE RL8PY UL7PCZ

The trip to Vietnam has taken a long time and we finally are going, with 420 kilos of Soviet made and INDEXA supplied rigs and antennas.

The flight took 18 hours and then we had to clear customs and their forms.

The call signs issued were a bit confusing to say the least.

3W1A was permitted to use RTTY and they didn't know what RTTY was so they just copied our license. They also issued 3W4KZ (4th visit from KZ-Kazakh) which we didn't request. Nor did we expect that local "comrades" would be with us 24 hours a day.

They were categorically against us giving W4FRU as our QSL MGR

over the air. We had to explain the 3W0A call would be used less than the other two. This is the reason we had to ask the 3W1 & 3W4 callsigns go via the home address. It just happened the amount of calls didn't end up that way. Some times nothing works as you plan it. There was no chance of a joint expedition (US-USSR).

Let it be known to everyone that we disappeared off the air because the electricity would be off from 10 minutes to a full day at times. In addition to this, we experienced the most terrible interference and intermode from an unknown source in Shongbe, often on our own frequencies of 14 & 21 mhz (which caused a freq or band change). All of this could not be explained on the air due to the ever-present "comrades".

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Most important, we did make it work and the proof is the 37,000 contacts. Also we learned about their application processing system and established some most needed connections. We already have a couple of invitations to visit S.E.Asia and now it is a matter of getting time off from work (there it is again, an occupation getting in the way of amateur radio Hi Hi).

A BIG "thank you" to INDEXA, W4WMQ, W4FRU and EUDXF.

73/88 Alex, UL7PAE

note: Besides the fine translation of the above by NT2X, Ed adds the following which will clear up a bit of past confusion.

All along I've heard about certain amateurs being dissatisfied with the 3W0A operation. I myself was quite bitter about 3W not being where they said they were going to be, unpredictability, operators changing frequencies almost contest style etc. But how was I to know all of the above was happening ?

For that I apologized to Alex after reading his letter. For all you ops out there, who felt the same and complained over the air, let's keep our frustrations to ourselves- one never knows what is going on at the other end, does one ? ?

Our Soviet friends now may travel to the USA without the mass of paperwork as in the past. This is great because it gives us a chance to talk radio all night if we want to. We can swap antenna designs and best of all, meet one on one with each other.

Anyone can invite a friend stateside. We must send a written invitation to our friend and obtain the blank form from the Soviet Consulate in Washington DC at (202)332-1513. You may ask them how to fill in the form etc. The Consulate will accept ur request, process it, mail it back to you and then you can mail it to ur Soviet friend. He will use the completed form to obtain his visa/passport. hint- state the lenght of stay to be about 60-90 days even if he is here a shorter period. The trip will cost about one years wages (about 2000 rubles) so make an effort to show our true spirit of friendship before, during and after his visit.

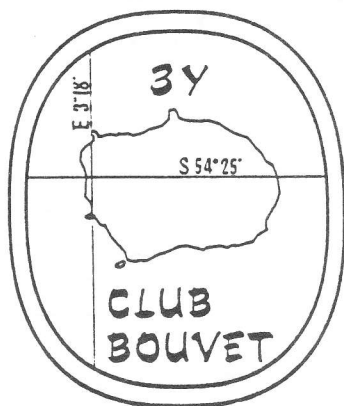
The WSDXC at club station RL8PYL is planning a DX-pedition to LS, Spratly vy soon and INDEXA is pleased to be a major support for the group.

Equipment and funds are being collected at the present and we will need the support of every member to make it possible.

You can help by providing ur support and by enlisting others to do the same. We are now and in the vy near future involved in many high dollar ventures. Many amateurs need the forthcoming contacts and we will need all the support possible to make it work. Show ur amateur spirit, show ur friendship and lets work together to give a boost to the best hobby in the world !



Ed Kritsky, NT2X
DX Coordinator
on behalf of INDEXA



Expedition to Bouvetøya 1989/90

News Release #2
Oslo 14 August 1989

15 September is deadline to charter ship with helicopter.

All DXers, Foundations, Clubs, Groups and Associations wishing to give their support are urged to do so well in advance of that date, for the expedition to go ahead as planned. Use either a) Green stamps (any value) in envelope as registered mail or b) International Postal Money Order or c) Visa or d) International Cheque in Norwegian currency (NOK) or e) Personal cheque.

We are very impressed by the 90 DXers in 14 countries having taken immediate action. Some individuals have generously contributed 5000\$ and 1000\$ each. One of these even has Bouvetøya confirmed! Others have contributed the equivalent of 250\$ or smaller amounts. Comments received show that all share our common spirit of excitement, joy and determination. To magazine and bulletin editors and club leaders with initiative and ingenuity: Keep up the good work! New supporters:

#4 LA8XM; #5 LA8CJ; #6 LA4CM; #7 LA9HF; #8 HB9RG; #9 W4CYC; #10 W7KH; #11 NS7J; #12 DJ9ZB; #13 W4WMQ; #14 KF5MY; #15 LA7SP; #16 LA5JX; #17 AA5ME; #18 K4MZU; #19 XE1CI; #20 K7EG; #21 K1JA; #22 K4ZR; #23 W6DU; #24 VE3MR; #25 WA0PUJ; #26 LA4HF; #27 SM6BGG; #28 W5LVD; #29 KA4LRM; #30 N7NR; #31 KG6AM; #32 WOJRN; #33 W6NZX; #34 KV5E; #35 CX4HS; #36 WA1WMS; #37 K6GAK; #38 K2JF; #39 JA1BK; #40 LA2AD; #41 WB8GEW; #42 SM3DXC; #43 WOMLY; #44 W2HXF; #45 EA2KL; #46 W2FCR; #47 K4AVC; #48 VK6RU; #49 WS50; #50 K2ON; #51 VK5WO; #52 F5JA; #53 LA7ZO; #54 I2KMG; #55 N4XR; #56 JH1FDP; #57 HK3HFQ; #58 GI3WFA; #59 WK6E; #60 VP2ML; #61 ND0F; #62 K6DQ; #63 LA9GK; #64 LA6EDA; #65 N50UE; 25 JA's reported to have paid contributions locally.

Received from above individuals, by country: USA 36.3%, Japan 19.5%, Canada 16.7%, Norway 11.3%, Mexico 4.2%, Switzerland 4.0%, Australia 3.7%, others < 1.8% each.

Extracts from correspondence: "Very happy you fellows are going on another trip soon....pleased to become a club member to help with expenses." "I am pleased to enclose a donation ... I realize I was one of a very select group to work 3Y5DQ a few years ago." "I am sorry this (25\$) is not more ... I am retired now, but will try to contribute again next month". "Enclosed check to help to pay for the DXpedition.. If the trip does not go, please return the donation" (Yes, we confirm that in such a case all donations (less expenses) would be returned as stated in receipt). "I am extremely excited about your project....I am enclosing a contribution towards the realization of a dream which I have been nursing for years." "We were delighted to read your letter concerning the potential DXpedition to Bouvet. Our Club would like to pledge \$.... to Club Bouvet, contingent on your group leaving on the DXpedition."

As every year, several groups are now reported to be thinking about operating from Bouvetøya in 1990. Club Bouvet is in contact with two such groups. No one has obtained the necessary approvals for an expedition in 1990. We do not think there is going to be more than one expedition.

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